

THE DEMOCRAT

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The parade of the commercial travelers at Chicago, in honor of the world's fair, was a notable one. It is estimated that 5,000 of them participated.

Among the antiquities in the British museum is Nebuchadnezzar's doorpost. It is bronze and the inscription upon it is a record of the king's restoration to sanity and power.

Miss Sallie Pierson, a compositor, has been appointed state organizer of the federation of labor of Indiana. She has supported herself and mother by typesetting since she was 16 years of age.

The four richest of the women's colleges in this country—Vassar, Wellesley, Smith and Bryn Mawr, received about \$4,000,000 in gifts of every kind during the first twenty years of their existence.

The latest had taken up by an English special publication is ambidexterity. From month to month each issue presents arguments in favor of having children not right-handed or left-handed, but both-handed.

The police department officials at Washington are trying to get possession of the pistol with which Gaitheuer shot President Garfield and add it to the museum of such articles already collected and on exhibition.

There is a law in Missouri that public officials shall forfeit their offices if they accept free passes from transportation companies. It is asserted that public officials nearly all have these free passes. If true there is no reason to marvel that private citizens also break laws.

Nor long since Mrs. Grant was buying the confectionery for a dinner at West Point. While she was in the shop some young girls, accompanied by cadets, came in and bought candy, the girls paying for it, as cadets are never expected to have money. Mrs. Grant smiled on them and said: "I am buying candy for the old generals and the pretty girls are buying it for you."

The New York board of health in the instructions it has issued, recommends that on very hot days babies should be given a few drops of whisky, not to exceed a teaspoonful in twenty-four hours. Prohibitionists have taken the matter up and have passed resolutions demanding the withdrawal of the clause which means "the wholesale manufacture of drunkards from the cradle."

Three world's fair employees were summarily discharged because they refused to disobey the general orders and admit a director who had left his badge at home. On the same day two others were dismissed without a word because they did admit a director under precisely the same circumstances. There is an endless amount of foolery going on in the management of the fair all the time.

Thomas Warwick, a laborer, became intoxicated a few days ago and fell down an elevator shaft at Carlsbad, Ill., injuring himself so badly that he may lose a foot. His wife, Hattie Warwick, has brought suit against Popel & Giller, the Warsaw brewers, for \$5,000 damages in her own behalf, and for \$100,000 damages in behalf of her eight children, alleging that their authorized agents sold or furnished liquor to Warwick, thereby causing him to become drunk and fall.

Rev. John E. Fray, the new pastor of the Duryea Presbyterian mission, in Clermont avenue, Brooklyn, has devised a plan to stir up more interest in the affairs of the church among the young men of the congregation. A dozen or more young women have been selected by the pastor to act as ushers, and they were to make their first appearance in the capacity of a rally of the Christian Endeavorers at the church. It is understood that they are all pretty as well as youthful, and that each has already distinguished herself for devotion to church work.

"The wild woman" is what the Britons call their colony on the north-western front of South America. That is what Guiana means, they say—a wild and savage woman. Mr. Wells, who visited that country as the special commissioner for the world's fair, says that British Guiana is the field to which the American sportsman will go for big game and hazardous sport in the near future. It is less distant from the mouth of the Mississippi, or from the keys of Florida, across the gulf to the mouth of the Amazon than it is from the Mississippi westward to the parls of the Rocky mountains.

Carl Luther, a counselor in the German ministry of labor, who died a few days ago in Schönebeck, Germany, was a direct descendant of Jacob Luther, the youngest brother of Martin Luther. His father, August Christian Valettin Gottlieb Luther, bore a striking resemblance to the great leader of the Reformation in Germany. A young brother of the dead man was killed in the battle of Solferino. Direct descendants of Martin Luther, through his son, Dr. Paul Luther, body physician of the Elector of Saxony, still live in Germany. Among them is Deacon Paul Luther, of Kremen. The family in each generation has usually had several members in the church. A number of the female descendants of the reformer have married into the families of the nobility.

The royal Caledonian fancy dress ball, given every year in honor of the patronage of her majesty and all the old Scottish nobles, is an exceedingly picturesque affair. It was given two weeks ago, eight hundred guests being present, the gentlemen in Highland dress, and some in Lowland. The ball opened with Tony Lovat's Eighteenth reels. In this dance the ladies wore white with the tartan and badges of their clans. The duchess of Buccleugh's hunt quadrille followed, the ladies wearing white satin with green and red sash edged with gold sequins, and long streamers, narrow red and pale green ribbons, the Buccleugh hunt colors. The gentlemen wore scarlet coats. The names of the personages taking part in these ceremonious dances show how great a proportion of Scotch blood there is in the British peerage.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Dr. JOHN RAE, the celebrated Arctic explorer, died recently in London. ALEXANDER, the boy king of Serbia, is in trouble with his advisers and has summoned M. Ristic, from whom he revolted, to aid him.

COL. JOSE ANDRADE was shot to death at Leon, Mex., according to law for wantonly shooting persons without trial while acting as governor of Guanajuato.

A DISGRACEFUL scene occurred in the British house of commons on the 27th as the home rule bill passed through committee. Since Mr. Gladstone called Mr. Chamberlain the "devil's advocate," he has been assailed with similar epithets every time he spoke. This culminated in an Irish member calling him "Judas" for leading actual fist-buffs. Order was restored and apologies offered.

GENERAL MANAGER W. S. MELLE, of the Northern Pacific, died on the Pacific coast recently.

It is not believed that Minister Baker is in any danger by reason of the Nicaraguan revolt.

SECRETARY CARLISLE is suffering from an attack of rheumatism. The president has issued a proclamation including Portugal within the benefits of the international copyright act.

The Russian legation at Washington will be raised to an embassy shortly. RUSIA, it is said, will not aid France in fighting Siam.

PRIVATE SECRETARY THURBER has announced the following appointments as made by the president: James T. Kilbreth, of New York city, collector of customs for the district of New York, vice Hendricks, resigned; Walter Y. Burn, of Cooperstown, N. Y., appraiser of merchandise for the district of New York, vice Cooper, resigned.

SIAM accepted the ultimatum of France and the blockade of her ports was raised.

There was an unsuccessful revolutionary uprising in the province of San Luis, Argentina.

SENATOR PUGH, of Alabama, does not favor the repeal of the Sherman law. EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, reached England on the 29th. He was enthusiastically received.

SEXTON McNAMARA, of New York, chief in charge of the New York state exhibit at the world's fair, died recently.

A ST. PETERSBURG correspondent says that Russia intends to add 50 per cent. to the present maximum tariff on German imports. This will be Russia's reply to Germany's increase of 50 per cent. on her tariffs on Russian imports.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The steamer Pearl was run into by an unknown steamer off North Rock, County Down, Ireland. The Pearl sank, carrying down with her seven persons. The other five people on board of her were saved.

The wife and two children of John Smouse were murdered at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The first attempt to electrify a convict at Auburn prison, N. Y., was a failure. The wretched culprit had to be placed in the chair a second time. He was a negro named Taylor, who had murdered his cell mate.

The court martial at Malta on the loss of the Victoria found the dead admiral, Tryon, alone to blame.

SPECIAL AGENT SWINERD says there is much bad in the strip. The Clark O. N. T. Thruway Co. is retrenching at Newark, N. J., because of the stringency.

Two banks failed at Helena, Mont., on the 27th, causing a run on the others. MAHARAJA TAITAI BRAGA committed suicide by poison on his arrival at Brindisi. It is supposed that the cause was the theft of a casket containing all his jewels and money. He was 19 years old.

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER has reversed the lower court's decree and remanded the world's fair Sunday closing case back for rehearing.

TRADEX and a marshal's posse at Princeton, Ind., had a hard fight with about thirty tramps who had boarded a train.

A REGISTERED mail pouch from Portland, Ore., to New York was robbed of sixty letters en route.

Fire in Bercy, a suburb of Paris on the Seine, destroyed thirty buildings. STATISTICS show that since May 1 301 banks in various parts of the country have failed. Their capital has aggregated \$88,951,038. The failures in the south numbered thirty-seven, involving \$4,302,100.

The first national bank of Great Falls, Mont., suspended, owing to the Helena bank suspensions. It was believed it would soon resume.

NOTICES have been posted of a general resumption of work at the Burden iron works and the Clinton foundry. Troy, N. Y., is much sorer than expected. Several thousand persons are affected.

The international yacht race will be sailed October 5.

The world's fair management is again undecided about Sunday opening.

There have been lots of the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. at Pittsburgh, Pa., have been notified of a reduction in wages of from 10 to 15 per cent. As 400 men have been laid off it is thought the reduction will be accepted.

The Roby boarding-house at Decatur, Ill., has been set on fire four times within thirty-eight days.

THREE harvest excursions for points in the west and south, at world's fair rates, have been arranged by the Western Passenger association.

A GOLDSMITH & SOX, jewelers and diamond dealers, at No. 28 Maiden lane, New York, have assigned; debts, \$200,000.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended July 27 showed an average decrease of 10.7 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the decrease was 3.8; outside, 16.5. In Kansas City the decrease was 42.3; in Denver, 77.1.

NINETY-six business houses were destroyed and sixteen families were made homeless by fire at Fairfield, Wis.

DR. A. W. WHEELER, the United States army department's agent, reports that there is no danger of an epidemic of cholera.

The strike of English coal miners commenced on the 28th. About 350,000 men were affected.

Two persons were killed and several seriously injured by a fire at Pittsburgh, Pa., caused by an explosion of polish which a peddler was using on a stove.

THERE were runs at Chippewa Falls, Wis., caused by the failure of Seymour's private bank.

The Standard Oil Co. is again in complete control of Colorado. Its rival, the Rocky Mountain Oil Co., is no more, and the big petroleum monopoly has the field to itself once more.

FIREMEN of the striking plate glass workers at Irving, Pa., are arrested on charges of conspiracy.

DUN's review says soundness and strength is disclosed in the business world, notwithstanding the financial disturbances.

MANY Pennsylvania iron and steel workers threaten to withdraw from the Amalgamated association.

STRIKING miners rioted in Gran, Hungary, until dispersed by the police. Many were wounded. Ten were arrested.

At a meeting of the directors of the Tremont and Suffolk mills, at Lowell, Mass., it was voted to operate these mills on half time.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL NIX has in his possession about fifty head of cattle which he confiscated from the gang of horse and cattle thieves who were captured in the Cherokee strip.

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The Burning of the Harvey County Records a Mystery No Longer.

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Two "Sure Thing" Gamblers Possess the Only Abstract and Burn the Records and Charge Their Own Price for Copies.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 1.—One of the blackest crimes in Kansas was unearthed here last night and the arrest of the criminal effected through the instrumentality of Rufus Cone, chief of police of this city, and Detective Bedford Woods, of the Metropolitan police force.

On March 16 last the vaults of the register of deeds of Harvey county were broken into and the entire records of title to property of the county burned.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The penitentiary coal mine is being worked to its utmost capacity.

Southeastern, central and northwestern Kansas recently had refreshing rains.

The horn fly is said to have put in its pestiferous appearance in many parts of the state.

Robert Porter, dropped off his horse while riding through the streets of Larned the other morning and was before anybody could reach him. He owned drug stores at Larned and Kinsley.

A late survey of the Missouri river at Atchison, compared with one made in 1887, shows that 4,805,000 square feet of land, or about 100 acres, have been cut away on the east side and the destruction is still going on.

In making their footings of the railroad assessment, the clerks in the state auditor's office overlooked the Solomon branch of the Missouri Pacific. This is assessed at \$91,324.98, swelling the total railroad property valuation of the state to \$82,075,732.01.

GEORGE E. MARSHALL, of Rosedale, 24 years old, was recently killed by a Santa Fe train, near Argentine. While walking on the track he stepped off to get out of the way of a freight train and was struck by a passenger train on the other track.

One of the veteran printers of this state is Mrs. N. B. Bronston, of Atchison. She commenced setting type in Newport, Ky., when 12 years old, came to Atchison on Monday day, and has been connected with the printing business for forty-three years.

F. D. FAY, 78 years old, was shockingly mangled by a Santa Fe train near Abilene the other day. He was walking on the track and being deaf did not hear the approaching train. He was knocked down and both feet cut off while other injuries were inflicted.

The large furniture factory of J. L. ABERNATHY at Leavenworth has shut down for two months. The unsettled financial condition of the country, together with a large stock of furniture on hand, determined the management to suspend further operations at present.

The sheriff at Russell recently captured a gang of youngsters, ranging in age from 13 to 20 years, who made a business of committing robberies in the vicinity. They were in practice for future train robbers when their ambition was clipped by the relentless hand of the law.

The three-year-old child of Samuel Fricker was recently killed near Holbrook by being run over by a wagon loaded with corn, but to which no horses were hitched. The wagon was standing on an incline and the child was playing near, when the wagon got loose by some means and ran over the little one.

Gov. LEWELLING has named as delegates to the bimetallic congress at Chicago, August 1, Ex-Govs. Charles Tolson, Thomas A. Osborne, James M. Harvey, George W. Glick, John St. John and Lyman O. Humphrey, and P. B. Johnson, of Topeka; Frank Chase, of Hoyt; W. R. Adams, of Larned, and W. D. Rippey, of Severance.

New postmasters appointed in Kansas on the 27th: At Arcadia, Crawford county, John Carter, vice C. Ford, removed at Eldridge, Wabash county; E. W. Campbell, vice W. Nelrose, removed; at Hiattville, Bourbon county, O. Settles, vice L. Ward, removed; at Winchester, Jefferson county, A. Barnes, vice J. Jeff, removed.

The mayor of Dodge City has issued a proclamation appealing to the people to take steps to provide for the feeding and lodging of tramps, who are pouring into western Kansas from Colorado. He says that most of them are unfortunate men, who have been thrown out of employment because of the closing of the mines, and are now making their way east.

In examining the records of the insurance department Superintendent Snyder has discovered that the records of few cases against insurance companies have been reported, and that scarcely any of the fees have been paid into the state treasury. Since the organization of the department 860 cases have been covered on the books of the department. From each of these was due the state fees ranging from \$2.75 to \$4.50 each. Of the 860 cases more than 700 have paid any fees. Superintendent Snyder says that all this money has been lost to the state through the negligence of former superintendents, and he proposes to collect as much of it as possible.

It is stated that the Farmers' Alliance is perfecting arrangements for supplying seed wheat to members of the organization in western Kansas who suffered from the loss of crops. The terms as given out are that the interest charge, each man to replace next year, bushel for bushel, the grain loaned to him this fall. The required amount of wheat is to be raised by assessments on the farmers in the eastern part of the state according to their individual ability to pay. If this grain is not consumed, there will be a depopulation of the western counties, as was greatly feared, for almost without exception the farmers throughout western Kansas are thoroughly satisfied to remain where they are. They have proved that section to be marvellously well adapted for raising wheat and barley, and their faith in the future is not weakened in the least.